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# HIV: The Epidemic Persists Globally and Locally



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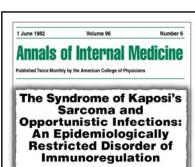


August 30, 1981

#### 2 Mysterious Diseases Killing Homosexuals

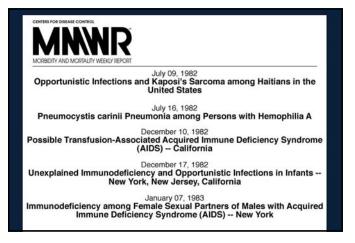
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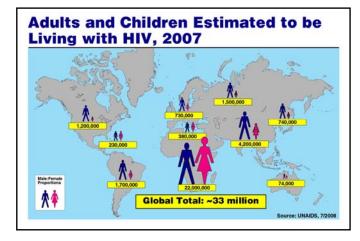
Two rare diseases have suddenly struck more than 100 homosexual men in the United States and killed nearly half of them, in a medical mystery that appears to be on the scale of the toxic shock syndrome or Legionnaire's disease.



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"...because we do not know the cause of this syndrome, any assumption that the syndrome will remain restricted to a particular segment of our society is truly an assumption without scientific basis."

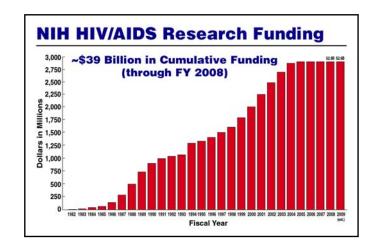




#### **HIV/AIDS** in the United States

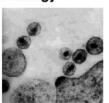
- 545,805 cumulative deaths
- ~1.1 million living with HIV
  - 21% unaware of their infection
- ~56,300 new infections in 2006
  - 53% male-to-male sexual contact, 31% heterosexual contact
  - 45% blacks, 35% whites, 17% Hispanics
  - incidence rate among blacks 7 times higher than whites

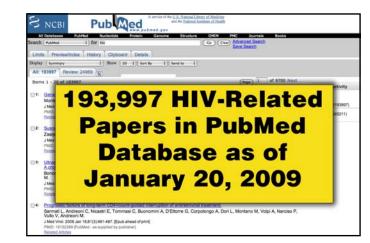
Source: CDC. Includes 50 states and District of Columbia



#### Advances in AIDS Research, 1981-2009

- Etiology
- Diagnosis
- Molecular Virology and Epidemiology
- Pathogenesis
- Natural History
- Treatment
- Prevention
- Vaccine Development



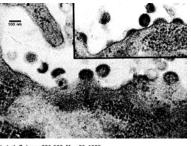


#### Discovery of HIV as the Cause of AIDS, 1983-84



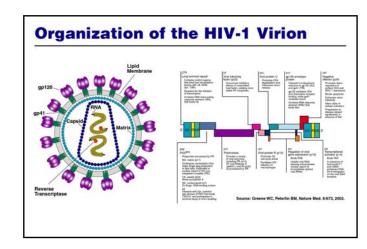


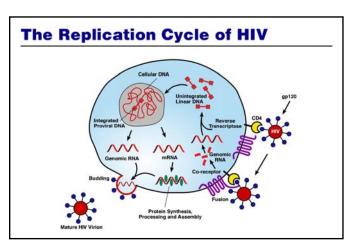
### Electron Micrograph of Retrovirus Isolated from Lymph Node and Grown in Cord Blood Lymphocytes

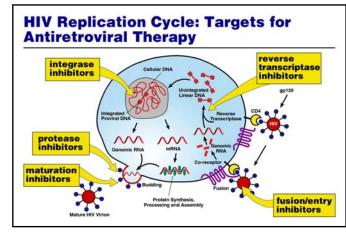


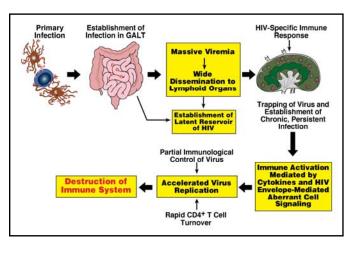
Source: Barre-Sinoussi et al. Science 220:868, May 20, 1983

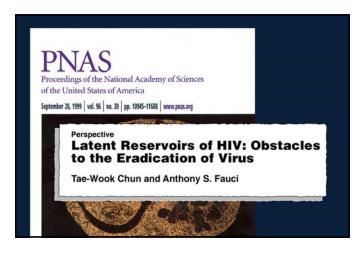
# Pathogenesis of HIV Infection



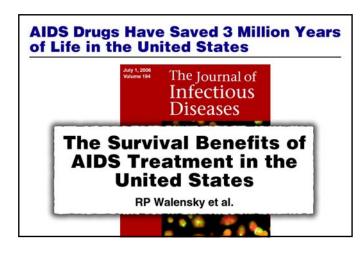








#### Rebound of HIV Following Discontinuation of Therapy **PNAS** HIV-1 and T Cell Dynamics after Interruption of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) in Patients with a History of Sustained Viral Suppression Richard T. Davey Jr., et al. 40 Time off HAART (days)





#### **Patient:** Introduction and Interview

#### **Index Case** 27 Year-Old Hospital Security Guard

Date: April 1979

CC: Fever and shortness of breath x 2 months

PI: **Excellent health** 

White plaques in mouth for weeks

PMH: Amebiasis x 1 (no travel)

PX: Fever, diffuse rales

Lab: Diffuse infiltrates/hypoxemia

Dx: Attending

1. Fungus

2. TB

3. Non infectious inflammatory pneum

#### **Patients Die from Frequent, Severe Opportunistic Infections**

- Opportunistic Infections
  - Unusual frequency
  - Unusual severity
- AIDS = Unique Cluster of Ols
  - Oral Candidiasis
  - Pneumocystis pneumonia
  - Mycobacterium avium complex
  - CMV Retinitis
  - Toxoplasma Encephalitis

#### **New Pathogens Emerge**

- Cryptosporidia
- Microsporidia
- JC virus
- HHV-8
- HHV-6
- Bartonella



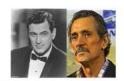


#### Potential Drugs for HIV Emerge: Suramin, HPA-23, Ampligen, Cyclosporin

#### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

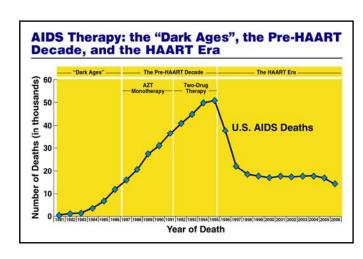
#### French Firm Hopes Possible AIDS Drug Will Be Cleared for Tests in U. S. in Fall

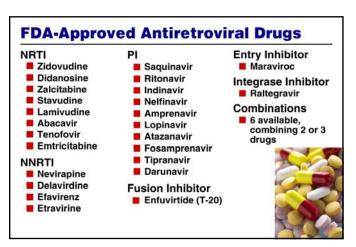
A French drug company said it hopes to begin "limited clinical trials" this fall in the U. S. of the experimental drug HPA-23, which has drawn ailing film star Rock Hudson and other Americans to Paris for treatment of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.



Furor Over an Aids Announcement Critics say a claim by French doctors is premature by CLAUDIA WALLIS

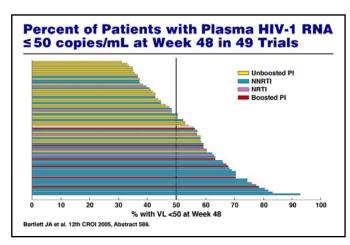
#### **Serious Events/All Patients** ▲ Placebo (59) ▲ AZT (36) 50 Death (16 Placebo; 1 AZT) Number of Events 40 30 20 EVENTS = Opportunistic Infection, Lymphomas, K.S., Death 12 14 16 18 20 22 Week















#### When to Start

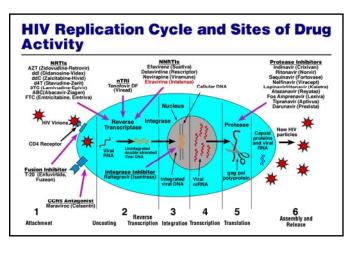
#### Case for Earlier Initiation of Therapy

- Superior immune reconstitution
- Fewer complications of therapy at high CD4
- Association of ongoing viremia with inflammation and adverse effects
- Potential public health benefit

#### **Case for Delaying Therapy**

- Short-term and long-term toxicity
- Risk of
  - virologic failure
  - resistance
  - cross-resistance
- Uncertainty about long term benefit

#### What to Start



#### **Antiretroviral Strategy**

- What is best for individual patient
- What is best for community

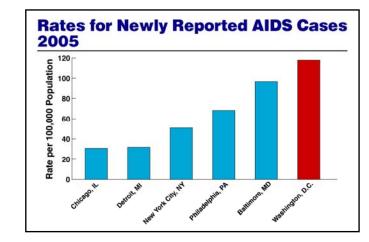
#### Public Health Benefit of ART

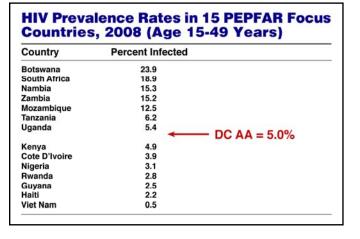
- Reduce sexual transmission of HIV by reducing HIV viremia and shedding
- Reduce the fitness of HIV
- Reduce incidence of new cases

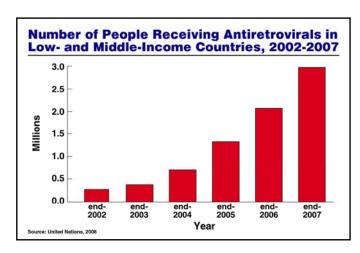
Holmberg SD et al. Clin Infect Dis.. 2004;39:1699-1704



# The Mashington Post November 26, 2007 Study Calls HIV in D.C. a "Modern Epidemic" The New York Times November 27, 2007 Report Finds Washington Has Highest AIDS Infection Rate Among U.S. Cities







Despite major advances in access to anti-HIV drugs in low- and middle-income countries, only ~30% of people in these countries who need such drugs according to accepted medical criteria are receiving them.



#### **Prevention**

For Every Person Put on Antiretroviral Therapy, 2.5 People are Newly Infected with HIV

#### **HIV Prevention Strategies**

#### Proven:

- HIV testing and counseling
- Mass media campaigns
- Education and behavior modification
- Condoms
- Screening of blood supply
- Treatment/prevention of drug/alcohol abuse
- Clean syringes (i.e. "needle exchange" programs)
- ARVs for interruption of transmission from mother to child
- ARVs for post-exposure prophylaxis
- Adult male circumcision

Percentage of Individuals at Risk with Access to HIV Prevention

8% Harm reduction for injection drug users

9% Condom access

9% Behavior change programs for men who have sex with men

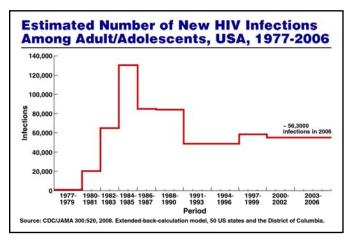
10-12% Adults with access to HIV testing in Africa

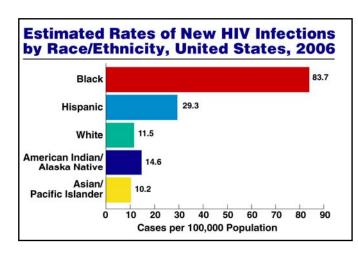
11% Prevention of mother-to-child transmission

<20% Behavior change programs for commercial sex workers

0 20 40 60 80 100

Source: Global HIV Prevention Working Group, 2007; WHO/UNAIDS/UNICEF, 2007







#### **Embracing the Concept of Harm Reduction**

- Measures to lessen the consequences of high-risk behavior when eliminating the behavior altogether is not realistic, e.g.
  - Sterile needle and syringe access for IDUs
  - Methadone/buprenorphine maintenance treatment
  - Condom provision to commercial sex workers, incarcerated individuals



#### **HIV Prevention Strategies**

#### "Pipeline":

- Preventing/treating co-infections (e.g. TB, malaria, other STDs, parasitic diseases)
- Topical microbicides
- ARVs for uninfected, high-risk individuals (preexposure prophylaxis, "PrEP")
- Universal voluntary testing with immediate ARV therapy ("test and treat" strategy)
- Vaccines

#### Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

#### The New Hork Times

August 4, 2008

#### Researchers Look to Pill, Taken Daily, to Avert HIV

MEXICO CITY - Can a pill a day help prevent infection from H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS? No one knows. But researchers in a number of countries are conducting trials and planning others to test the unproven strategy that a daily pill, or a combination of drugs, can prevent H.I.V... Up to 15,000 people are expected to be participating in trials by mid-2009.

#### The Promise of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

- Well-established tool for preventing other infectious diseases, e.g. malaria
- ARVs proven to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission, and as post-exposure prophylaxis
- Generally positive NHP data with tenofovir +/- emtricitabine, drugs with long-half lives, good safety profiles, high genetic barrier to resistance (tenofovir)
- Promise of good acceptability -- PrEP inhibits HIV without requiring change in sexual habits



#### **PrEP: Key Questions/Concerns**

- Uncertain efficacy in humans
- Safety / toxicities
- Cost, in a world where <1/3 of people receive needed treatment for established HIV infections
- Adherence
- Emergence of drug resistance
- Increase in risk behavior



#### "Test and Treat" Concept



Universal Voluntary HIV Testing with Immediate Antiretroviral Therapy as a Strategy for Elimination of HIV Transmission: a Mathematical Model

RM Granich et al.

- Model indicates that universal and annual voluntary HIV testing followed by immediate antiretroviral therapy treatment (irrespective of clinical stage or CD4 count) could reduce new HIV cases by 95% within 10 years
- Concerns: feasibility, protection of individual rights, drug resistance, toxicity, financing

#### **Vaccine**

## Classical Vaccinology



The response to natural infection provides the proof of concept

#### Classical Vaccine-Preventable Viral Diseases



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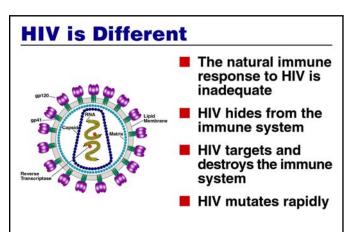
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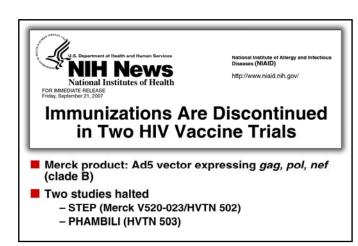


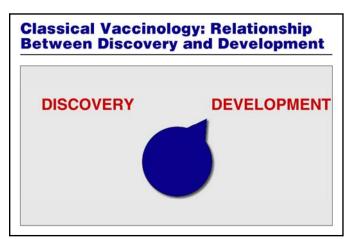
Hepatitis B



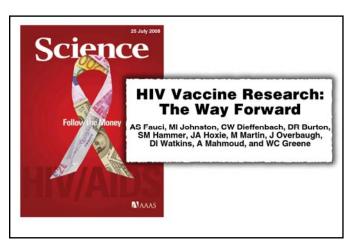
Measles

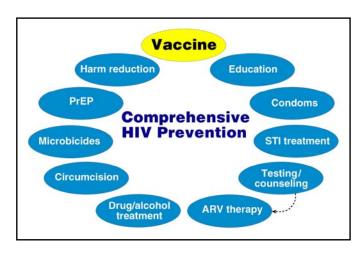














History will judge us as a global community by what we will do in the next 27 years as much as by what we have accomplished in the first 27 years.